



Muscogee (CREEK) Nation

Executive Office

DECLARING APRIL 2, 2015 AS “NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS DAY”

A Proclamation by the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people; and

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, identifying American Indian children with Autism requires a great deal of cultural competence to ensure our children are not restricted from early intervention. While there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS, the effort to address autism continues as doctors, therapists and educators help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges by providing early and accurate diagnoses and appropriate education, intervention, and therapy — all of which are vital to future growth and development; and

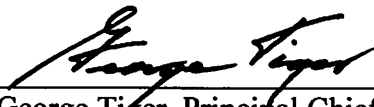
WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, is spearheading the awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects. It is our duty as Muscogee people to look out for the individuals of our communities and tribal citizens in educating ourselves and others on the effects of autism.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

I, George Tiger, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby proclaim April 2, 2015 as “National Autism Awareness Day” for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and urge all citizens and residents to participate in our Nation’s Autism Awareness Day activities on April 2, 2015, in order to become better educated on the subject of autism spectrum disorders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereto set my hand and seal on this 2nd day of April, 2015.


George Tiger, Principal Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

